

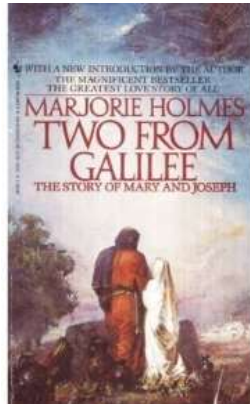
HAPPENINGS

January 1-8, 2023

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WELCOME GUESTS AND MEMBERS – Welcome to the Lord’s House. God bless you as you hear the Good News today of His unconditional love! Jesus promised wherever two or three are gathered in His name, His presence is there. Jesus is here! We pray and know He will bless you with faith, hope, and love for your daily life through His Word and Spirit! If you have any questions, please feel free to speak to one of our ushers or greeters.

BIBLE BOOKENDERS Our January book is an old classic, **Two From Galilee** by **Marjorie Holmes**. Join us at church from 7:00-8:30 pm on Monday, January 23. Blessings on your reading of first and foremost God’s Word, and the fun books we read and share for Bible Bookenders. Questions? Contact Bonnie Nowak, Pat Harvey or Michele Lein.



TIME OF GRACE Straight talk about God’s Word and real hope for this life. A strong gospel message delivered in an informal Bible study style.



Subscribe to Time of Grace resources to be delivered to your email inbox daily. You will receive daily devotion emails with “Grace Moments” written devotions and “Grace Talks” video devotions. Pastor Mike Novotny, The Core, Appleton, WI, KARE (NBC 11) 10:30 am www.timeofgrace.org



ADULT BIBLE STUDY is 10:15 after the church service. Feel free to get a cup of coffee first and snack before we start. **Reminder - No Bible Study today, January 1st.**



MAIN STREET LIVING airs each Sunday at 9 am on WFTC Channel 29/9-2 with an episode of This Is the Life. For more information or to watch the program, go to www.mainstreetliving.com select the “Twin Cities” tab.



COFFEE TIME Thank you to those who have faithfully made coffee and provided treats each Sunday morning. Please consider signing up to help out.

WHAT DOES FREE WILL MONEY BUY? We thank you for donating during Sunday coffee hour. Your giving provides the LWML with more buying power. Coffee, creamers, cups and napkins too. All these we are able to buy for you! Treats and juice our members supply, but for the coffee and stuff on your generosity we rely.





PRAYER REQUESTS If you have a prayer request for today, please fill out the form in the pew and put it in the offering plate. Pastor will include them in Prayer of the Church during the service. You can also email

weekly prayer requests, and any prayers that should go out to the whole congregation, to the office at megan@holycross-pl.org.

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HAPPENINGS ARTICLES Don't forget to turn in your Happenings articles each week by Wednesday at noon! Email to megan@holycross-pl.org.

POBLO - PEOPLE OF THE BOOK LUTHERAN OUTREACH Poblo's mission is to meet the physical, social, and spiritual needs of Muslims and other immigrants and refugees in the United States by sharing the love of Jesus in practical and culturally relevant ways.



One of the ways to accomplish this is through the offering of free classes. POBLO Twin

Cities has new classes starting up, including English as a Second Language (ESL) classes meeting on **Monday & Wednesday evenings at 6:00 pm at Mt. Hope in Bloomington.** Volunteers are needed! For more information, please contact Shari Schulze, POBLO Twin Cities Coordinator, at shari@poblo.org.



SUNDAY SCHOOL will be on break December 25th and January 1st. We look forward to resuming on January 8th. Wishing all a Blessed Holiday Season!



Has your address, phone, or email changed? Have your adult children moved away from home? Check with Megan in the church office and see what we have on file for you and your family, or you can pick up a form to fill out in the commons area. There are some members and guests that we do not have an email or cell phone number for. Help us have accurate information in case we or other church members need to contact you.

LUTHERANS FOR LIFE

Save the date! Trinity Lutheran Church in Waconia will be hosting a Lutherans for



Life / Lifelines event on **January 21, 2023 at 10:00 am.** The topic, presented by Rev. Dr. Lucas Woodford, is "Wonderfully Made: The Divine Value of Being Human," and will include a biblical conversation about abortion and end of life issues. For more information, please contact Corinne Allen (Lutherans for Life / Lifelines) at narrfarm@aol.com or 612-599-0021.

Life QUOTES

JANUARY 1 "[Jesus] will care for you until you stand before His throne. Trust Him. Seek Him. Serve Him. Love Him. He's your King. He suffered and died for you. He rose for you. He only has words of love and promise to speak to you. So, when all is equal for you on your deathbed, you can rejoice and say, 'Come quickly, my King,' because He has given you the promise, 'You will be with me in paradise.'" *Rev. Peter Sulzle, St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Redwood Falls, Minnesota – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

HIGHER THINGS REGIONAL RETREAT Higher Things offers one- or two-day regional retreats for youth that are filled with all of the great things of a summer conference, but in a smaller setting. Youth who attend a Higher Things retreat are challenged to *Dare to be Lutheran* and inspired to a deeper faith and love for their neighbors. Upcoming events include:



- **"Unboxed"** January 6-7, 2023
St. Paul's Lutheran Church; Fort Wayne, IN
- **"Born that Way"** January 6-7, 2023
Faith Lutheran Church; Pierre, SD
- **"Ten"** January 27-28, 2023
Immanuel Lutheran Church; Broken Arrow, OK
- **"Life by Drowning"** February 17-18, 2023
Mount Calvary Lutheran Church; Lititz, PA
- **"Baptized Rite!"** February 18-19, 2023
Trinity Lutheran Church; Sheboygan, WI
- **"Who Am I?"** March 24-25, 2023
St. Paul's Lutheran Church; Minot, ND

For more information or to register, visit the Higher Things website. higherthings.org/events/retreats

VACANCY PASTOR GADE'S church hours are Monday & Tuesday, 7:30 am to 3:30 pm. Other times can be arranged, call 763-333-5896.



MEN'S TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY - Stories for Witness Every Tuesday from 8:00-9:00 am join us for Men's Bible Study. Discover the witness value of stories. We will review the great sacred story arcing over every disciple's life and find themselves in the stories Jesus tells in the gospels. We will also consider their own stories for witness. The point of witness is just where the Christ story, the story of another, and my own story intersect. To emphasize the visual nature of Jesus' stories, art will be used extensively.

HOLY COMMUNION is celebrated weekly. Our belief and practice is Confessional. Jesus clearly teaches He is truly present in His supper in the bread and wine. We receive miraculously, in the gift of faith, His true body and blood, given and shed for the forgiveness of sins. If this is your confession and you have been baptized and confirmed in our church body, please commune with us. If you have questions about communing, please wait to commune until receiving instruction in one of our communion classes. Thank you. **Note:** *Communion Kits are available, if needing one please contact Pastor.*



CHURCH OFFICE REPORTS - RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

Contributions needed each month (General Fund): \$21,844.00 • Contributions received in October \$18,106.00



THIS WEEK AT HOLY CROSS		
SUNDAY	New Year's Day	
1	9:00 am	Worship with Holy Communion
MONDAY		
2		
TUESDAY		
3	8:00 am 4:00 pm 7:00 pm	Men's Bible Study Confirmation Class Elder's Meeting
WEDNESDAY		
4	12:00 pm	Happenings Articles Due
THURSDAY		
5	7:00 pm	Choir Practice
FRIDAY		
6		
SATURDAY		
7		
SUNDAY		
8	9:00 am 10:15 am 10:15 am	Worship with Holy Communion Bible Study Sunday School



Amanda Fitzwater
 Mitch Hoehn
 Rich Mobroten
 Emily Mae Lein

January 14
 January 16
 January 16
 January 26

Donna Vig
 Chloe Einarson
 Quinn Fitzwater

January 26
 January 27
 January 29

Upcoming

EVENTS

January 14
January 23
January 29
February 10

Christmas Decoration Take Down
 Bible Bookenders
 Voter's Meeting
 Night to Shine